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## "A Thrilling Romance"

The Kingman Leader-Courier of last week has a two-column story entitled "A Thrilling Romance from the Hills of Barber County." The heroine is Miss Addie Shelton, a young lady whose age is below the statutory limit, and the hero is "Bert Somebody" whose more correct name is to the author unknown.

The story, boiled down, is that Addie was working in a Kingman hotel, having gone from Medicine Lodge to Kingman some weeks ago. Her parents learned only recently of her place of abode and her father arrived in Kingman last week to take her home. The father secured a clue to her whereabouts by reason of a letter which fell into his hands, written to Addie by "Bert," in which was disclosed a marriage appointment and the elder Shelton lost no time in preventing the match.

According to the Leader-Courier's story, Mr. Shelton had a difficult time in persuading his daughter to return home with him and he was compelled to enlist the aid of the Kingman sheriff before she consented to obey. Addie seems to have made up her mind to get married and she defied parental authority until it was made plain to her that the law was all against her resolution. She finally surrendered and came home with her father and a day or two later "Bert" appeared to fulfill the matrimonial engagement but he came too late. He was also advised, free of cost, by the Kingman officers that it would be wise for him to abandon his plans and he did not tarry in Kingman many hours.

The second chapter in this romance is equally interesting. This girl is wanted as a witness in a sensational case now pending in the district court of Barber. It appears that she is an unwilling witness or at least is not anxious to testify in the case. The young man "Bert," lives near Nashville and is said to be a friend to the other man who is now under arrest and it is believed that the trio have a mutual arrangement, all of which might have worked had not the father of the girl interfered.

Mr. Shelton and wife reside about eighteen miles southwest of this city. Their daughter is now at home. Prior to the affair leading up to her going to Kingman she stayed in this city. She is between fifteen and sixteen years of age.

## Butcher-Pruitt

B. A. Butcher of Helena, Oklahoma, and Miss Mollie Pruitt of Sharon, Kansas, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's folks on Saturday, August 28, 1909, by Rev. S. E. Hendrickson, pastor of the Christian church of Sharon.

The groom formerly lived in Sharon township but about a year ago secured a farm in Oklahoma and has lived there since that time. He is an industrious, worthy young man and is deserving of the love and confidence of the estimable young lady who has become his wife.

The bride is a step-daughter of J. M. Doolittle who resides north of Sharon. She has lived in Barber county about three years and is well known and highly respected in that neighborhood for her lady-like accomplishments and pleasant nature.

Mr. and Mrs. Butcher will live at Helena. The good wishes of their Sharon friends follow them to their home.

Dr. J. Harry Gay, the eye specialist, will be in Kiowa, September 10th and 11th, and at Medicine Lodge, Monday and Tuesday, September 13th and 14th, at Lake City, September 15th, and at Sharon September 16th. Bring your eyes.

## Fought, Bled—but Lived.

John Mitchell and Frank Taylor who occupy apartments in the Index building met in battle Saturday forenoon and it ended with a flow of blood. Taylor got a severe bruise on the head and bled profusely. Dr. Gilbert later sewed up the wound. It required two or three stitches. Mitchell got out of it with two slight skin bruises. About the time the fight started, Mitchell came up the steps from the rear of the building where he was putting up a clothes line. He had a hammer and he struck Taylor on the head with it which caused the wound. Each family swore that the lord of the other household struck the first blow.

The two families had been quarreling several days, but the thing that brought on the fight between the men was a continual fighting among the children and the parents took it up.

The men were parted by Judge Kidd, Judge Collins and others who responded to the screams of the children and Mrs. Taylor. The fight took place in the hall near the rooms occupied by the two families.

Both men were put under arrest. Mitchell consented to plead guilty to disturbing the peace but Taylor stood pat and employed Noble & Tinscher to defend him. His trial was held before Judge Collins and a jury composed of J. C. Gano, Clate Simpson, W. S. Benefiel and Lewis Smith on Monday.

The jury was out only a few minutes and returned a verdict of not guilty. They sized it up as an ordinary fight, family against family, and Taylor getting the worst of the fight should be acquitted. Judge Collins fined Mitchell \$1 and costs, amounting to \$7.50 which is several dollars less than Taylor expended in attorneys fees.

County Attorney Field prosecuted both cases and treated each party fairly. The deplorable circumstance is that Mr. Mitchell's daughter is very sick with typhoid fever and the fight and uproar, taking place so close to her bedside, had a bad effect on her.

## Lock on Christ's Tomb

An associated press dispatch from New York, under date of August 24th, says that the wooden lock used on the holy sepulchre in Jerusalem in the day of Christ is now in that city. The dispatch is as follows:

"New York, Aug. 24.—The wooden lock that barred both kings and beggars from the most sacred shrine known to Christians—the holy sepulchre in Jerusalem—is now in the home of James Creelman, the magazine writer, in this city.

"The lock, which had been removed from the sepulchre by the Turkish government six years ago, despite the protest of the French consul, was presented to Mr. Creelman by Fayde Effendi, mayor of Jerusalem, in recognition of his services in conducting an investigation in connection with Turkey's internal and religious disturbances.

"The progress of the lock to America was a series of triumphs. Customs officials and casual travelers, on learning the contents of the inconspicuous wooden crate, fell upon their knees before it."

The Index desires those who laughed and hooted at the Indian Carbine story which appeared in this paper about two months ago, to read the foregoing dispatch over and over again. It is vindication for The Index. If a wooden lock can be preserved approximately 2000 years, why could not a gun be preserved forty-four years? Avaunt! you doubters.

Robert, Mell, James and Florence Snodgrass, who have been visiting the past several weeks with their grandparents and Uncle, E. P. Chance and wife and E. T. Chance and family, departed for their home at Tulsa, Oklahoma, last Thursday.

## Permanently Located

Arthur Maddox who left Sharon and went to Klamath Falls, Oregon a few months ago, seems to have "burned the bridges behind him" and is now a permanent fixture in the northwestern city. He recently became a director in The First National Bank of Klamath Falls and is giving much of his time and attention to the banking business. We are sorry to learn this because we believed that Arthur would return to Barber county before a year would elapse and again engage in the grain and stock business among us, but that hope now seems to have "gone glimmering." However, his old Klamath friends wish him the greatest success in his new venture.

The Evening Herald of Klamath Falls has this to say concerning Mr. Maddox:

"Mr. J. A. Maddox, who has been elected one of the directors of this bank, came here first about two years ago on a visit to Mr. Delzell, and through the latter was appointed one of the judges at the county fair. The exhibit Mr. Maddox saw there made such a great impression upon him that he made up his mind that Klamath county was worth investigating, which he did, with the results as aforesaid.

"In addition to his investment in the bank Mr. Maddox has purchased from G. W. White an undivided one-half interest in the property next to the First National Bank on Main street, on which is being erected a new brick block, the description of the property being as follows: Thirty five feet off the easterly side of lot 4 and 46 feet off the northerly end of said lot 4 and 45 feet off the westerly part of lot 3, in block 17 of the original town of Klamath Falls in the city of Klamath Falls. Mr. Maddox will hereafter direct the construction of the building which is now being erected on his property."

## A Word About Typhoid Fever

Don't let flies in the house where there is typhoid but if they get in don't drive them out; kill them inside with daisy fly killers and a wire fly spat, used faithfully.

Boil the drinking water, mop floors with strong carbolic water you can get crude carbolic acid for that; also the bedding and clothes from the patient should be dipped in carbolic water then boiled and dried in the sun. Use every care especially about flies. They will carry the germs and are more dangerous than anything and everything else.

Elizabeth Johnson, Nurse, Medicine Lodge, Kans.

## Premium Corn

The Index's corn specimens to which reference was made last week has created interest among corn growers and we are hearing from a number of them. It is a surprise to learn how much good corn there is in the country in spite of the dry summer.

To get a fair estimate on the quality of corn grown in Barber county, The Index will give a year's subscription for the three best ears of corn grown in Barber county. We do this at the suggestion of several farmers and if the display warrants it, a second and third prize will be awarded. Bring in your corn.

## To Land Owners

List your farm or ranch with us if you want to sell or trade. Give full description and price.

Israel Bros., 125 North Market, Wichita, Kansas.

Cole Merc. Co. have the stock and are making the prices.

## \$100 and 30 Days

The Kiowa delegation of booze venders whose arrest was related in this paper last week, were given a hearing before Justice Buchanan at Kiowa last Thursday. John Wilhite and J. F. Stephenson pleaded guilty to selling and bartering intoxicating liquor and were fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. Mrs. Wilhite, who was in custody with them, was released. Frank Baker, another suspect, was released after it was established that he merely stopped in to get a drink and had no part in the selling.

The other two members of the party—George Rickman and Roy Brannan—might have been released but for their conduct while in jail here. They espied Dr. Kociell's wet goods in an adjoining dungeon and the temptation was "too many" for them. They supplied themselves with a broom stick and made a wire hook device to attach thereto and the rest was easy. They consumed several quarts of alcohol and other "metecene" which was captured the memorabilia night of the attack on Ft. Kociell in this city, and which has been in durance vile ever since. Sheriff Mathews had no trouble in fastening the theft on Rickman and Brannan. Other prisoners gave him the necessary information and when the accused ones were confronted with the charge they did not have the heart to say nay. Judge Buchanan fined each of them \$25 with a few dollars in costs attached. Brannan "dug" but Rickman elected to board with the sheriff.

The net result is, three prisoners in the county jail who promise to stay there until Gabriel whistles or the county commissioners do as they did in the case of Balaam, the man of ivory teeth and deep color, also a Kiowa citizen.

## A Business Change

Last Wednesday C. W. Spawr closed a deal in which he purchased M. A. Collins's "Kandy Kitchen," soda fountain, ice cream parlor and confectionery business. About the same time he sold his interest in Jno. Luallen's bakery and ice cream and soda parlor to Mr. Luallen from whom he bought last winter.

Mrs. Collins gives possession to Mr. Spawr this morning. Mr. Spawr has employed Miss Stella Pennington to assist him in conducting the business. She is a cordial, pleasant young lady and is certain to give entire satisfaction.

We bespeak success for both Mr. Spawr and Mr. Luallen. Medicine Lodge has more trade in this line of business than both can handle, and both are admirably equipped to cater to the public's desires.

## Will Give Lincoln Pennies

On the afternoon of the first day of school, Monday, September 6th, The Citizens State Bank of this city will give every pupil who enters school the first day a new Lincoln penny. Every boy or girl or young man or young woman who has enrolled the first day and will call at the bank after dismissal at 4:15 p. m. next Monday will receive one of these new pennies.

These pennies are from the first 150,000 coined and they bear the initials of the designer, "V. D. B.," which do not appear on subsequent issues. It is predicted that these coins will be valuable in after years, by reason of the initials.

This will probably cause a heavier enrollment than usual the first day of school.

Judge C. W. Ellis went to Kansas City last Friday to visit with his daughter, Mrs. I. F. Landis. He will return home this week accompanied by his daughter, Miss Marjorie, who has been visiting in K. C. the past month.

## One Released; One Held

Ray Foster, who was arrested Tuesday of last week on a charge of stealing Mrs. B. E. Wadsworth's watch, was released later after a full investigation was made, and Hode Hall, another man who was working for Mr. Wadsworth, was arrested. While there was some circumstantial evidence pointing to Foster's guilt, Mr. Wadsworth has learned since causing his arrest, that the probability is that Hall is the guilty party. Immediately after his arrest, Hall gave bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance for a preliminary hearing on Monday, August 30th. His uncle, W. W. Elliott, qualified on the bond.

When the case was called on Monday it was again continued until next Tuesday, Sept. 7th. As in the case of Foster, the evidence against Hall as to the stealing of the watch is purely circumstantial. He is known to have been in the room where the watch was, and immediately afterward the watch was missing but it was not found in his possession and so far it has not been found anywhere. Mr. Hall, however faces another charge and has admitted his guilt. He stole a pair of new gloves belonging to Mr. Wadsworth which constitutes petit larceny, and the fact that he admits stealing the gloves and was caught in possession of them will have a bearing on the greater charge of stealing the watch, considering all the circumstances.

The motive assigned by Hall for stealing the gloves was that he had a grievance against Mr. Wadsworth. Mr. Wadsworth hired him at \$1.50 a day. When they settled Hall learned that other hands got \$2.00 a day and he demanded the same but Mr. Wadsworth did not pay it because he was not as good a hand as the \$2 men. This is Hall's excuse for stealing.

In addition to this, the young man's bad disposition is shown from the fact that he carried "knucks." He had threatened to use them on Mr. Wadsworth and when confronted with it, he at first denied making the threat or having the knucks, but later produced them. He is only about 16 or 17 years old. He is a son of J. W. Hall who now lives at Aline, Oklahoma, but who lived here a number of years ago. His people have an excellent reputation and the young man's wrong doing is to be regretted.

## Mitchell-Berry

Mrs. Hattie Mitchell, who moved from this place to Hennessey, Oklahoma, about two years ago, was married to J. M. Berry, a painter and decorator of Enid, August 23rd. Mrs. Mitchell was the widow of the late James Mitchell and was well known in this city and vicinity. She and her husband are now living in Enid.

Mr. Berry is a man of considerable means and is one of Enid's leading citizens. The Barber county friends of the bride send congratulations.

## Will Play Ball at Harper

The Medicine Lodge base ball boys will play two games at the Harper fair on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, September 8th and 9th. Waynoka and Kingman will be the contending teams.

## Your dollars go farthest at Cole's.

Fred Cullison returned from his visit in Oklahoma last Thursday and is again on duty in the Metz lumber yards. He has been away since July and has improved very much physically. He intended to spend a part of the summer in Colorado but was detained too late in the season on account of the sickness and death of a sister. We are glad to see Fred back again.

## Cash Tuition

All pupils knowing themselves to be non-residents should call next Saturday or Monday at the Superintendent's office in the public school building and pay their tuition four and one-half months in advance. This rule must be adhered to before such pupils will be allowed to enroll or classify in the Medicine Lodge public school.

A child's home is where its parents reside. Parents cannot maintain two legal domiciles. Tuition must be paid by non-residents in all grades below the 8th grade at the rate of \$1.50 per month. Tuition in the 8th grade is \$2.00 per month. Tuition in the High school is free to any eligible pupil in Barber county. D. W. MAJOR, Supt.

New remnants every day—at Cole's.

My prices on pianos are the lowest. Call and see them. Ralph L. Ewing.

J. S. Runyan is expected home from his trip to the coast states on Saturday.

For Sale: New five-room house on N. Main street. Call on or address E. L. Taber, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

If you want to paint your buggy, wagon or anything else go to Dwight Mills's shop and buy it and you will get results.

J. Harry Gay, Optician, at Kiowa, September 10th and 11th, at Medicine Lodge 13th and 14th, at Lake City the 15th, at Sharon the 16th. Office will close at Sharon at 4 p. m.

When students in a town which claims to have a high school, go to other towns to attend school or college, before securing a high school education, there is something wrong with the school. They don't do it in Medicine Lodge.

Wm. Rule escaped from his wife at Colorado Springs last week and came home on Wednesday. He made a half-hearted promise to her that he would return to the Springs later but since getting home and thinking of the bills that would have to be paid, he has just about concluded to remain and let Mrs. Rule pay the bills.

C. E. Wells of Aline, Oklahoma, who was one of the first men to take a claim at Sexton in the early 80's, is in old Barber again. He is assisting his son, Wiley B. Wells of Lasswell, who is not well and unable to attend to all the work on his farm. Mr. Wells sr., looks fine and the years have borne on him lightly. His old Barber county friends are glad to meet him after these many years of absence.

The school land contest case in Judge Garrison's court was interrupted last Wednesday afternoon by more important business. George Swan and Dollie Ruby Jennings of Crisfield were pronounced husband and wife by His Honor and sent on their way rejoicing. They are strangers here but are well known in eastern Barber and western Harper counties. May joy everlasting and happiness untold be theirs now and forever.

The Cole-Reeves school land contest which was tried out in probate court on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, was decided in favor of Mr. Cole. Reeves's attorneys gave notice of an appeal to the district court but it is doubtful whether the case will go any farther. Mr. Reeves, it seems, had bad advice as to the law when he settled on the land. It was his idea that filing was the first step necessary whereas the essential thing is to make settlement first and then file. Judge Garrison found that Cole made settlement before Mr. Reeves. One thing is certain: the land is hardly worth the money already expended in litigation.